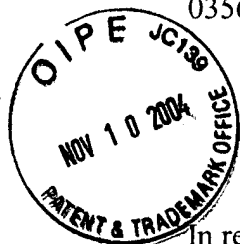


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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: Eugene H. Eickholt
SEIJI TAKAHASHI, ET AL.	)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2854
Application No.: 10/603,609	)	
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Filed: June 26, 2003	)	
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For: RECORDING APPARATUS	)	November 9, 2004

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION

Sir:

In response to the Office communication dated October 27, 2004, which states that the sworn translation of the priority document had not been received, one of Applicants' attorneys reviewed, by telephone on November 8, 2004, the Office communication and above-identified application with the Examiner. Applicants' attorney pointed out that the sworn translation of the priority document was filed in the Office on October 27, 2004. The Examiner reviewed the file wrapper in the Office's database and stated that he has received the sworn translation of the priority document and will issue a Notice of Allowance shortly. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's prompt review of this file.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York Office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Peter G. Thurlow", is written over a horizontal line.

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